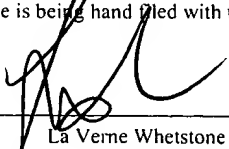


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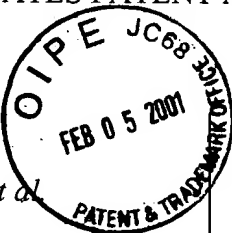
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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed October 4, 2000, time for response to which was set to expire January 4, 2001 accordingly an extension of time is being requested herewith. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 286002020023.

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